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Areas of Practice

Grant Degginger is chair of the Firm's Construction and Environmental Practice Group. His practice focuses on environmental, construction and commercial disputes. He has handled complex matters involving environmental damage, natural resource damage, health sciences research, public and private sector construction, municipal governance issues, class actions and insurance coverage disputes.

Admitted to Practice

- Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Colville Confederated Tribes Tribal Court

Academics

- Seattle University (J.D., 1985)
 - *Law Review*
- University of Washington (B.A., *cum laude*, 1977)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

- Chair, Lane Powell Construction and Environmental Practice Group
- Class Action Defense
- Government
- Insurance
- Land Use
- Litigation
- Public/Private Partnership

Representative Matters and Clients

- *Clark v. Payless Shoesource, Inc., et al.*, No. C09-00915-JCC (W.D. Wash. 2012) (TCPA Class Action)
- *McClintic v. Lithia Motors, Inc.*, No. C11-859RAJ (W.D. Wash. 2011) (TCPA class action)
- *Hovila v. Tween Brands Inc.*, No. C09-491RSL (W.D. Wash. 2011) (TCPA class action)
- *The Clausen Law Firm, PLLC v. Nat'l Academy of Continuing Legal Education*, No. 10-cv-01023-JPD (W.D. Wash. 2010) (TCPA Class Action)
- *Van Buskirk v. ConocoPhillips, Inc.*, 2009 WL3784334 (W.D. Wash. 2009) (representation of refinery in shoreline dispute with more than 30 plaintiffs)
- *Amaker v. King County et al.*, 479 F. Supp. 2d 1151, 479 F. Supp 2d 1189, 479 F. Supp 2d 1162 (W.D. Wash. 2007), *aff'd in part*, 291 Fed. App'x 817 (9th Cir. 2008) (representation of county and medical research institute)
- *Adams v. King County et al.*, 164 Wn2d 640, 192 P.3d 891 (2008) (representation of county and medical research institute)
- *Olympic Pipeline Litigation* (wrongful death, business interruption and natural resource damages claims arising out of the Olympic Pipe Line explosion)
- *Cutter & Buck v. Genesis*, 306 F. Supp. 2d 988 (W.D. Wash. 2004) (litigation with directors & officers insurer)
- *Walker v. St. Andrews Housing Association et al.*, King County Superior Court (2004) (building envelope litigation)
- *Quest Corporation v. Sound Transit*, No. C02-0155P (W.D. Wash. 2003) (utility relocation litigation and delay claims)
- *Wright v. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center* (2002) (represented policyholder in securing coverage and indemnification for claims brought by representatives of research protocol participants)
- *City of Spokane v. United National Insurance Company*, 190 F. Supp. 2d. 1209 (2002) (litigation over application of pollution exclusion)
- *Old Sarges Pawnshop, et. al. v. City of Lakewood*, Pierce County Superior Court (1999) (litigation over pawnshop ordinance)

- *Yakama Nation, et. al. v. Columbia Gorge Investors Limited Partnership* (E.D. Wash. 1998) (represented partnership in litigation with several tribes over development of a subdivision alleged to be adjacent to a usual and accustomed fishing location)
- *Cassan vs. City of SeaTac*, King County Superior Court (1997) (sign code litigation)
- *March Point Cogeneration Company v. Puget Sound Energy*, No. C95-1833R (W.D. Wash. 1997) (contract dispute between cogeneration joint venture and electric utility)
- *Alpha Therapeutic v. Allianz*, Los Angeles County Superior Court No. BC 080 447 (1995) (insurance coverage litigation involving blood products)

Publications

- "Design Professionals Win Big in Revised Anti-Indemnity Statute," *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*, Co-author (April 5, 2012)
- "2012 Economic Outlook," *Seattle Business* magazine, Quoted (January 2012)
- "Tapped In: Coalitions Combine to Share a Precious Water Resource," Association of Washington Cities' *Cityvision* Newsletter, Quoted (September/October 2011)
- "Improving Washington's Business Climate — It Will Require Long-term Commitment and Hard Choices," *Seattle Business* magazine (May 2011)
- "The Lessons of South Carolina — We Must Work to Improve Washington's Business Climate," *Seattle Business* magazine (June 2010)
- "Green Performance Standards Are Still Evolving," *Puget Sound Business Journal* (December 11, 2009)
- "LEEDing the Way in a New Year — The Highly Successful 'LEED' Green-Building Rating System is Being Refined to Take Into Account New Criteria to Better Measure a Building's Carbon Footprint," *Seattle Business* magazine (February 2009)
- "Climate Change Regulation is Coming: Prepare to Reduce Development Impact on Global Warming," *BUILDERnews* magazine (July 2008)
- "State and Local Regulation of Climate Change is Taking Shape," *Washington CEO* (August 2008)
- "Condo Act: Condominium Act Amendments Mean Big Changes," *BUILDERnews* magazine (August 2005)

Speaking Engagements

- "Green Building — Sustainability Policies, Project Permitting, Recent Developments in Green Building Law, and Their Impact That Will Matter to You," Washington CLE Bootcamp (December 4, 2012)
- "Recent Developments in Washington Construction Law," Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys, Spokane, WA (October 18, 2012)
- "Recent Changes to Construction and Environmental Law That Will Affect Your Business," Lane Powell Seminar (February 9, 2012)
- "Information Security in the Age of Google, WikiLeaks and Twitter," Construction SuperConference 2011, San Francisco, CA (December 14, 2011)
- "Green Construction, 2011 — A Return to Growth and New Milestones," Washington CLE Bootcamp (December 6, 2011)
- "Public Private Financing Transactions: Developing, Preserving and Leveraging Public Assets," The Seminar Group (November 18, 2011)
- "The Seattle Process," Atlanta Regional Commission's Leadership Involvement Networking Knowledge Conference, Co-presenter (May 4, 2011)
- "New Changes to Construction and Environmental Law That Will Affect Your Business," Lane Powell Seminar (January 20, 2011)
- "Regional Water Supply Planning," ACE Annual Conference, American Waterworks Association, Chicago, Ill. (June 22, 2010)
- "Green Construction — A Valuable Tool in the Sustainability Toolbox," Washington CLE Boot Camp (December 8, 2009)
- "Carbon Credits," The Seminar Group (March 12, 2009)
- "Climate Change and Construction," The Associated General Contractors of America (March 6, 2009)
- "White River Management Settlement Agreement," King County Bar Association Environmental & Land Use Law Section (December 10, 2008)
- "Green Building and Construction," The Seminar Group — Washington CLE Bootcamp (December 2, 2008)
- "New Rules on Stormwater," The Seminar Group (November 14, 2008)
- "Addressing Climate Change in Development and Permitting," Lane Powell Seminar "The Changing Climate of Climate Change: What's Ahead for Businesses in the Northwest" (February 7, 2008)
- "Municipal Water Law: Resolving the Needs of Growing Communities," Washington State Bar Association (September 25, 2007)
- "Measuring the Impact of Climate Change on Water Supplies East and West of the Cascade," Washington Water Law Seminar (June 4 & 5, 2007)
- Bellevue Chamber of Commerce's Monthly Luncheon, Keynote Speaker (December 13, 2006)
- "It's Not Easy Being Green: Challenges Along the Road to Compact Communities," Lane Powell Seminar "Building Green Without the Red: How to Build a Larger Business and a Compact Community" (October 17, 2006)
- "Water Resources in a Stressed Environment," The United States Conference of Mayors (September 14, 2006)
- "Allocating Responsibility for Surprises Among Owner/Architect/Contractor: Code and Regulatory Changes, Differing Site and Subsurface Conditions," Lane Powell Seminar "Getting the Dirt on Dirt: Dealing with Environmental Problems Before It's Too Late" (June 13, 2006)

- "The New Roadmap for Transportation," CityClub (June 6, 2006)
- "Washington Condominium Act," The American Institute of Architects, Seattle Chapter Seminar "It's In The Details: The Details In Design" (October 13-14, 2005)

Awards and Honors

- Named as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction (2013)
- Peer Review Rated "AV" in Martindale-Hubbell
- "2011 Place Making Award for Leadership," The Bellevue Downtown Association
- "Public Official of the Year," The Municipal League of King County's 53rd Annual Civic Awards (2012)

Professional and Community Activities

- Washington State Bar Association
 - Construction Law Section
 - Environmental Law Section
 - Indian Law Section
 - Litigation Law Section
- Washington Public Disclosure Commission (Appointed July 2012)
- City of Bellevue, Washington
 - Mayor (2006-2010)
 - Council Member (1999-2012)
 - Planning Commission
- Cascade Water Alliance
 - Board of Trustees
 - Chair (2002-2007)
- King County Transit Task Force (2010-2011)
- King County Growth Management Planning Council (2001-2009)
- Puget Sound Regional Council (2001-2009)
- Seattle Architectural Foundation
- King County Bar Foundation

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